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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

Chief Judge Linda Reade has announced that Jon Stuart Scoles of Mason City will become United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Iowa on March 20, 2007. Scoles fills the federal judicial vacancy created by the elevation of Chief United States Magistrate Judge John A. Jarvey to become United States District Judge in the Southern District of Iowa.

Scoles is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa College of Law. After clerking for the judges in Iowa Judicial District 2A, Scoles practiced law with the firm of DeVries and Scoles in Mason City. In 1986, Scoles was appointed an Iowa District Court Judge. He was named Assistant Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District in 1992 and has served as Chief Judge since February 2005.

As United States Magistrate Judge, Judge Scoles will have his chambers at the U.S. Courthouse in Cedar Rapids.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jud Watkins", written over a horizontal line.

Jud Watkins  
Clerk of Court

March 15, 2007